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COMMENTS

Further to my telephone message of March 23, 2004, please find attached a copy of all papers filed with the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment filed on December 11, 2003, together with a copy of all papers filed on October 20, 2003, including an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration.

In the event that any fees are due, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge the required fees to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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Serial No. 10/089.162

In the matter of the Application of: Guy LUMIA, et al.

For: PROCESS FOR TREATMENT AND EXTRACTION OF ORGANIC CORK
COMPOUNDS BY A DENSE FLUID UNDER PRESSURE

Due-Date: FEBRUARY 8, 2004

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Dep. Acct. Order Form
- PTO Transmittal Form
- Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 (2 pp.)
- Date-Stamped Filing Receipt Dated October 20, 2003 (Copy)
- Request for Extension of Time Filed on October 20, 2003 (Copy)
- Information Disclosure Statement Filed on October 20, 2003 (Copy)
- Form PTO-1449
- Cited Reference (1)



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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
GUY LUMIA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CARRILLO, B.
SERIAL NO: 10/089,162 :
FILED: MARCH 27, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1746
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EXTRACTION OF ORGANIC CORK
COMPOUNDS BY A DENSE FLUID
UNDER PRESSURE

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENTUNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment of December 8, 2003, Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment for the reasons as follow:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-identified application on April 21, 2003. Applicants filed an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration responsive to the Office Action on October 20, 2003. A Request for Extension of Time (three months), an Information Disclosure Statement, a form PTO-1449 and one cited reference were included with the filing of October 20, 2003. Copies of all papers as filed and a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely submission thereof on October 20, 2003 are attached.

The Notice of Abandonment of December 8, 2003 indicates that the reason for abandonment is Applicants' failure to timely file a proper response to the Office Action of

Application No. 10/089,164

Reply to the Notice of Abandonment of December 8, 2003

April 21, 2003. As evidenced by the attached copies, Applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action of April 21, 2003 on October 20, 2003. Applicants submit that the Notice of Abandonment was incorrectly issued in view of Applicants' filing of October 20, 2003.

During a discussion with Examiner Randy Gulakowski on December 11, 2003, it was indicated that the check submitted with the filing of October 20, 2003, had been received and credited. Therefore, receipt of the filing of October 20, 2003, is evidenced by the record of Applicant's payment.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment and return of the case to the Examiner for consideration of Applicants' filing of October 20, 2003.

For the reasons provided above, this Petition should be GRANTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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DENSE FLUID UNDER PRESSUREREQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

It is hereby requested that a three month extension of time be granted to October 21, 2003 for

- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: April 21, 2003
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☒ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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